had also been started from October, 1985. Main findings with regard to the impact of IRDP and NREP on the beneficiaries are as follows:

IRDP

(i) Over 50 per cent of the beneficiaries assisted have crossed the old poverty line of Rs. 3500, but only 12 per cent have crossed the raised poverty line of Rs. 6400.

(ii) A very substantial number of beneficiaries have reported increase in their income on account of assistance received under the programmes.

(iii) Majority of beneficiaries feel that family employment as well as consumption level had increased after being provided IRDP benefits.

NREP

(i) The socio-economic status of the beneficiaries indicates that benefits of the programmes were, by and large, going to the categories for whom the programmes is intended.

(ii) The predominant sources of empoyment for the beneficiaries were the non-NREP works and thus the programme had provided in general, some supplementary and additional employment opportunities.

(iii) Considering the focus of NREP being on providing additional employment in rural areas mainly during the lean months of the year, it could reasonably, be concluded that the works under the programme by and large, were meeting the objectives.

(iv) About 80 per cent of the total employment under NREP during 1982-83 was shared by SC/ST and Backward Classes which accounted for 70 per cent of the sample size.

(c) Steps, like : isuse of specific instructions to State Government etc. and amendment of guidelines, if necessary are taken to remove the drawbacks in the implementation of the three programmes which come to light from time to time.

Reduction in the States' Annual Plan outlays

*232. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMAY: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whther it is a fact that the States' Annual Plan Outlays were reduced to the tune of Rs. 4,000 crores because of the resource crunch in the previous year; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken for the mobilisation of resources without hitting the State Plans?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) As compared to 1987-88, there was a step up of 7.6 per cent in the overall size of Annual Plans of all States (excluding Punjab) for the year 1988-89. While the Annual Plans for all States (excluding Punjab) for the year 1987-88 aggregated to Rs. 17591 crores, the corresponding figure for 1988-89 works out to Rs. 18943 crores.

(b) Does not arise.

Indigenously developed Telecommunication Technology

*233. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

SHRI SHEO KUMAR MISHRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether CIT-Alcatel, the transnational telecommunication giant has approached India to buy its indigenously developed telecommunication technology of the public sector Centre for Development of Telematics;